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IN RE APPLICATION OF : Douglas S. McBain, et al.
FOR : **OPTIMIZATION OF IN-MOLD COATING
INJECTION MOLDED THERMOPLASTIC
SUBSTRATES**
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In the recent Office Action, the Examiner restricted the examination of the present application under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following groups of inventions:

- I. Claims 1-4 and 8-31, drawn to a method of forming an in mold coated thermoplastic workpiece, classified in class 264, subclass 255.
- II. Claims 5-7 and 32-35, drawn to a coated thermoplastic workpiece, classified in class 428, subclass 500.


In response thereto applicants elect to continue examination of the invention(s) of Group I., i.e., claims 1-4 and 8-31. Applicants retain the right to continue prosecution of the unelected claims, i.e., claims 5-7 and 32-35, in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

If upon review of the above information, the Examiner has any questions concerning the same, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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